



Adults Learning Mathematics - a Research Forum

Please reply to:

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Adults Learning
Mathematics - A Research Forum**

**Friday, 7 July 2000 1700 hours
Tufts University (Barnum 008), Medford, MA USA**

The meeting was attended by 30 members and 6 visitors.

1 Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday July 6 1999 at Sheffield Halam University, Sheffield, UK. The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Diana Coben Seconded by Katherine Safford

2 Annual Report

The annual report was presented to the meeting in writing (attached to these minutes).

John O'Donoghue (Chair), Dhamma Colwell (Company Secretary), Sue Elliot (Membership Secretary), Mieke van Groenestijn (Newsletter & Website Editor) and Sylvia Johnson (Treasurer) presented their sections of the report and answered questions.

3 Annual Accounts

The annual accounts for the period 29 June 1999 to 31 May 2000 were presented to the meeting (attached). The accounts were approved nem con. Proposed by Diana Coben Seconded by Beth Marr

4 Membership Fees

The Treasurer introduced a discussion on the need to increase the organisations income including a proposal to increase the membership fee to £20.00 sterling.

There was a general discussion in which a number of suggestions were made including:

- pursuing more charity funding
- members joining as part of annual conference fee
- cost of membership should reflect cost of services
- campaign to increase membership

The Trustees took the feeling of the meeting that various options should be looked into further, before any increase is made in membership fees.

5 Election of Trustees

The following nominations had been received by the Secretary according to the Articles of Association.

| Post Chair | Name John | Nominated by | Seconded by |
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| Company Secretary | O'Donoghue David | Sylvia Johnson | Diana Coben |
| Treasurer | Kaye Sylvia Johnson | Valerie Seabright | Roseanne Benn |
| Membership Secretary | Sue Elliot | Roseanne Benn | John O'Donoghue |
| Trustee | Mieke van Groenestijn | Roseanne Benn | Janet Duffin |
| Trustee | Eliana Guedes | David Kaye Terry | Eliana Guedes |
| Trustee | Juergen Maasz | Maguire David | John O'Donoghue |
| Trustee | Patricia Drake | Kaye John O'Donoghue | Mieke van Groenes Terry Maguire |

All the nominations were accepted and elected unopposed.

6 ALM Publications and Website

A discussion was introduced by Mieke van Groenestijn on the current situation and contributions were invited.

Comments made included:

use of the Website for abstracts and other publications;

arguments for and against the publication of conference proceedings on paper or electronically;

use of conference abstracts as advertising for ALM;

linking publications to membership drive;

Conference proceedings for ALM6 being published by Nottingham University, UK;

Conference proceedings for ALM7 are to be published in USA;

Suggestions for a Website name were discussed.

7 Future Directions

A general discussion took place to help guide the Trustees. A number of comments were noted:

a membership drive should aim to double the number of members in five years;

links and/or affiliations to other (National) organisations should be looked into further;

representation on national committees that consider curriculum planning and change;

work towards a five year action plan.

8. AOB

The following announcements were made.

ALM8 in 2001 will be held in Roskilde, Denmark on 28/29 and 30 June; the local organiser is Tine Wedege.

It is proposed that ALM9 (2002) will be at the University of Sussex, UK and that ALM10 (2003) will be in Austria.